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EMPLOYING RFID-BASED INDUCTION
HEATING DEVICES

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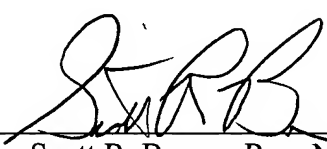
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The present paper is filed in response to the office action mailed June 2, 2004. Reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks and contemporaneously filed Terminal Disclaimer is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 6, 12, and 17-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 12, and 17-20 were rejected by the Examiner under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,664,520.

Remarks

In response to the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicant is filing with this Office Action Response a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,664,520, which is commonly owned by Thermal Solutions, Inc., the assignee of the present application. In